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Mr. J. Edgar Hoover  
Director  
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United States Department of Justice  
Washington 25, D. C.

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Dear Mr. Hoover:

Your letter of 15 March 1950 expressed the desire of the F.B.I. to withdraw membership from the Interdepartmental Committee on International Communism.

The action of the National Security Council in placing the Federal Bureau of Investigation on the Intelligence Advisory Committee was indicative of the necessity for FBI's participation in the overall coordination of intelligence throughout the Federal Government. In this area of coordination no aspect is more in keeping with the work of the FBI than the study of International Communism which knows no national boundaries.

Accordingly, I regret your decision to seek withdrawal from the Jigsaw Committee, since your action will neutralize the effectiveness of the work of the Committee by creating a gap in the development of a unified approach to the analysis of International Communism. No remarks by any member of this Agency should have been construed to mean that full participation by the FBI in the work of this Committee could have been other than beneficial.

In view of my remarks above, kindly let me know whether you wish to reconsider your position on this subject.

Sincerely,

R. H. Hillenkoetter  
Rear Admiral, USN  
Director of Central  
Intelligence

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